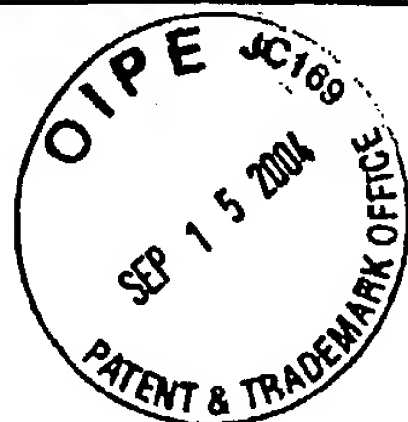




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Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.